South Dakota Department of Labor & Regulation 123 W. Missouri Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 www.sdjobs.org

**For Immediate Release:** Tuesday, July 9, 2019 **Media Contact:** Dawn Dovre, 605-773-3094

## **Disaster Unemployment Assistance Deadline Approaching**

Bennett, Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation, Dewey, Hutchinson, Jackson, Mellette, Minnehaha, Oglala Lakota, Pine Ridge Reservation, Rosebud Reservation, Todd, Yankton and Ziebach counties must apply within one week

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) reminds workers, self-employed individuals and farmworkers in Bennett, Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation, Dewey, Hutchinson, Jackson, Mellette, Minnehaha, Oglala Lakota, Pine Ridge Reservation, Rosebud Reservation, Todd, Yankton and Ziebach counties the deadline to file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is Monday, July 15.

To be eligible for benefits, individuals must be unemployed or unable to do business as a direct result of the severe winter storm, snowstorm and flooding that occurred March 13 to April 26, 2019.

To apply for benefits, call the Claims Call Center at 605-626-3179, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. CDT. Please specify your claim is related to DUA and the winter storms.

Applicants will need their Social Security number; copies of their most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs; and documentation of employment, self-employment or prospective work when the disaster occurred. The first possible week of compensation for DUA purposes is the week ending March 23, 2019, and the last possible week of compensation is the week ending Dec. 7, 2019.

Services are available through the DLR job service offices to provide and facilitate support, education and training to individuals seeking employment in South Dakota. All programs and services are provided at no charge. More information is available at sdjobs.org.